

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **August 27, 2007**. Each issue in the Office Action is addressed below.

§102 Rejections

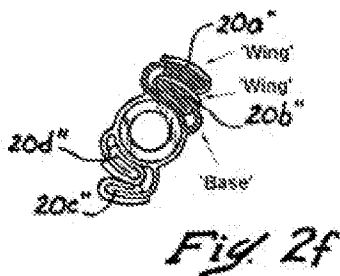
Claims 21-25, 29, 30, and 39-40 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Dehdashtian et al. (US 6013092). A full account of the rejection is found on pages 2-4 of the Official Action.

Independent claim 21 and claims dependent therefrom recite:

...each structure comprising a base, wherein the base is a double layer of the balloon wall, a first wing **wrapped continuously in a first direction circumferentially away from the base** and about the central portion of the balloon to and terminating at a first terminating end and a second wing **wrapped continuously in a second direction, opposite the first direction, circumferentially away from the base** and about the central portion of the balloon to and terminating at a second terminating end... (*emphasis added*)

The Office Action maintains that these features are disclosed by Fig. 2f of Dehdashtian et al. The Office Action does not provide a marked-up copy of Fig. 2f with the relevant portions highlighted.

To the extent, for the sake of argument, that the Office Action considers the highlighted portions below of Fig. 2f to constitute the 'base' and 'wings', the 'wings' are not 'wrapped continuously in a first direction circumferentially away from the base' as recited by the claims. Rather, they are wrapped in a direction toward the base.



Marked up copy of Fig. 2f of Dehdashtian

The Office Action states:

end of wing 20b'' and the central portion.}, wherein the base is a double layer of balloon material, a first wing 20b'' or 20d'' wrapped continuously in a first direction (counter clockwise) away from the base (i.e. away from a portion of the base) about the central portion of the balloon to and terminating at a first terminating end (e.g. the left end of 20b'' as seen in figure 2f) and a second wing 20a'' or 20c'' wrapped continuously in a second direction (clockwise) away from the base (i.e. away from a portion of the base) about the central portion of the balloon to and terminating at a second terminating end (e.g. the right end of 20a'' as seen in figure 2f) as described in col. 5, lines 6-16. As to claim 23, when there are six longitudinal furrows

(highlighting added)

The Examiner has improperly imported into the claims the language 'away from a portion of the base'. This language is not present in the claims. The so-called 'wings', as understood, are not 'wrapped continuously in a first direction circumferentially away from the base'. Therefore, claim 21 and its dependent claims are patentable over Dehdashtian et al.

Claim 29 and its dependent claims recite:

...a first wing extending continuously **in a first direction circumferentially away from the base** and around the central portion to and terminating at a first terminating end and a second wing extending continuously **in a second direction circumferentially away from the base**...(emphasis added)

Claim 29 and its dependent claims are patentable over Dehdashtian et al. at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 22.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Miscellaneous

Allowed claim 41 has been amended by adding commas in lines 8 and 9 of the claim.

In Applicant's Amendment filed 6/7/07, claim 39 was amended by changing

“wing” to “wings”, however, the claim identifier remained “Previously Presented”. Applicant is not sure whether the amendment was entered. As such, claim 39 is being amended above to make the minor correction.

The amendments are clerical and place the application in better condition for appeal. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Appeal is also being filed with the present response.

Conclusion

The claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. The prompt allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner wishes to discuss further issues, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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